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TITLE: RUBBER MIXTURES BASED ON **UNCROSSLINKED RUBBERS** AND CROSSLINKED RUBBER PARTICLES AS WELL AS MULTIFUNCTIONAL ISOCYANATES **EXAMINER: R. A. SERGENT**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents Alexandra, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

- I, Prof. Dr. Werner Obrecht, of 47447 Moers, Germany declare as follows:
- I studied chemistry at the Technical University of Stuttgart and 1. obtained a degree of Dr. rer. nat. In 1975.
- 2. I did postdoctoral studies from 1975 to 1976 as a Research Associate at the University of Keele, Great Britain.
- 3. I am employed by Bayer AG in Leverkusen, Germany, as a Chemist since 1977.
- I was assigned the title Professor at the Technical University of Munich 4, in 2002.

- I am one of the named inventors of the above-identified United States
 patent application.
- 6. I performed or supervised the experiments described in the aboveidentified United States patent application.
- 7. I declare that one skilled in the art would recognize that component A (double bond containing rubbers) as identified on page 3, line 10 page 4, line 9 are not liquid rubbers as disclosed in <u>JP 57-212239</u> or <u>JP 5-17630</u>.
- 8. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the the above-identified United States patent application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Signed at Leverkusen, Germany, this 15th day of September, 2003.

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